

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Ruth Y. Goldway, Chairman;
Nanci E. Langley, Vice Chairman;
Mark Acton; and
Robert G. Taub

Competitive Product Prices
Express Mail & Priority Mail Contract 5 (MC2009-18)
Negotiated Service Agreement

Docket No. CP2009-25

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR EXTENSION

(Issued April 26, 2012)

The Express Mail & Priority Mail agreement that is the subject of this docket is set to expire (existing Express Mail & Priority Mail agreement).¹ The Postal Service requests that the Commission grant a 60-day extension to allow the existing contract to remain in effect until such time as the parties are able to reach a new agreement, and the Commission is able to complete its review of the new agreement.²

The Postal Service represents that it has been working cooperatively to reach a new agreement with its current contract partner. *Id.* at 1. However, the Postal Service states that due to a change in personnel at its current contract partner, it has been unable to reach an agreement on the new contract's terms in time for the Postal Service

¹ See Order No. 1281, Order Granting Motion for Extension, March 9, 2012.

² Motion of the United States Postal Service for Temporary Relief, April 6, 2012 (Motion).

to file the new agreement prior to termination date of the contract. *Id.* at 1-2. Without such an extension, service under the existing Express Mail & Priority Mail agreement would terminate. To maintain continuity, the Postal Service requests that the terms and conditions of the existing Express Mail & Priority Mail agreement be extended for 60 days.

The Motion is granted. The existing Express Mail & Priority Mail agreement is authorized to continue for 60 days from the current expiration. Allowing the existing Express Mail & Priority Mail agreement to remain in effect temporarily is in the public interest and will not prejudice any person.

It is ordered:

1. The Motion of the United States Postal Service for Temporary Relief, filed April 6, 2012, is granted.
2. The existing Express Mail & Priority Mail agreement is authorized to continue for 60 days from the current expiration date.

By the Commission.

Shoshana M. Grove
Secretary